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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message from the President of the United States was communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGE REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate a message from the President of the United States submitting a treaty which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:40 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that pursuant to section 1002(b) of the Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2003 (50 U.S.C. 401 note), and the order of the House of January 8, 2003, the Speaker appoints the following Member of the House of Representatives to the National Commission for the Review of the Research and Development Programs of the United States Intelligence Community: Mr. HOEKSTRA of Michigan; from private life on the part of the House of Representatives: Mr. K Stuart Shea of Virginia, and Mr. Gardner G. Peckham of Maryland.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 103(c) of Public Law 108-83 (2 U.S.C. 130-2), and the order of the House of January 8, 2003, the Speaker appoints Ms. Martha C. Morrison as Director of the Office of Interparliamentary Affairs of the United States House of Representatives.

At 4:17 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3175. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2650 Cleveland Avenue, NW, in Canton, Ohio, as the "Richard D. Watkins Post Office Building".

The message also announced that the House has passed the bill (S. 926) to amend section 5379 of title 5, United States Code, to increase the annual and aggregate limits on student loan repayments by Federal agencies, without amendment.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 3175. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2650 Cleveland Avenue, NW in Canton, Ohio, as the "Richard D. Watkins Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

ENROLLED BILLS PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, October 28, 2003, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 3. An act to prohibit the procedure commonly known as partial-birth abortion.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. INHOFE, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, with an amendment:

S. 1757. A bill to amend the John F. Kennedy Center Act to authorize appropriations for the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts (Rept. No. 108-174).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself, Mr. DODD, and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 1786. A bill to revise and extend the Community Services Block Grant Act, the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981, and the Assets for Independence Act; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SPECTER:

S. 1787. A bill to establish the Steel Industry National Historic Site in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. CAMPBELL:

S. 1788. A bill to amend title 40, United States Code, to authorize the Administrator of General Services to lease and redevelop certain Federal property on the Denver Federal Center in Lakewood, Colorado; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. MILLER:

S. 1789. A bill to authorize the exchange of certain lands within the Martin Luther King, Junior, National Historic Site for lands owned by the City of Atlanta, Georgia, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BAYH (for himself and Mr. LUGAR):

S. 1790. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3210 East 10th Street in Bloomington, Indiana, as the "Francis X. McCloskey Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. DOMENICI (for himself and Mr. BINGAMAN):

S. 1791. A bill to amend the Lease Lot Conveyance Act of 2002 to provide that the amounts received by the United States under that Act shall be deposited in the reclamation fund, and for other purposes; to the

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. DOMENICI (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. BUNNING, and Mr. WARNER):

S. 1792. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide the same capital gains treatment for art and collectibles as for other investment property and to provide that a deduction equal to fair market value shall be allowed for charitable contributions of literary, musical, artistic, or scholarly compositions created by the donor; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. DODD, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. REED, and Mrs. CLINTON):

S. 1793. A bill to provide for college quality, affordability, and diversity, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. COLEMAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. REID, Mrs. BOXER, and Mr. SMITH):

S. Con. Res. 76. A concurrent resolution recognizing that November 2, 2003, shall be dedicated to "A Tribute to Survivors" at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SESSIONS:

S. Con. Res. 77. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress supporting vigorous enforcement of the Federal obscenity laws; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 377

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 377, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the contributions of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., to the United States.

S. 423

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. ENSIGN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 423, a bill to promote health care coverage parity for individuals participating in legal recreational activities or legal transportation activities.

S. 448

At the request of Mr. CORZINE, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 448, a bill to leave no child behind.

S. 623

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. BROWNBACK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 623, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Federal civilian and military retirees to pay health insurance premiums on a pretax basis and to allow a deduction for TRICARE supplemental premiums.

S. 950

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the names of the Senator from Michigan (Mr.